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This Amendment B and Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is hereby requested and a check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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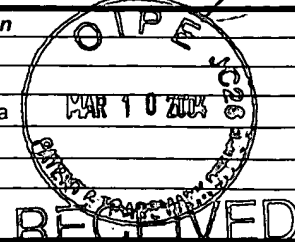
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